

**For a world
without
illicit arms and
armed violence**



The **Small Arms Survey** is a centre for applied knowledge dedicated to preventing and reducing illicit small arms and light weapons proliferation and armed violence. The Survey informs policy and practice through a combination of data, evidence-based knowledge, authoritative resources and tools, and tailored expert advice and training, and by bringing together practitioners and policymakers.

Our mission is to strengthen the capacity of governments and practitioners to reduce illicit arms flows and armed violence.

We achieve this through three mutually reinforcing main lines of work:

- Providing institutions and actors with evidence-based, policy-relevant data and knowledge;
- Contributing technical assistance, whether that be a combination of technical, planning or organisational capacities, or expert advice and training; and

- Connecting practitioners, experts, policymakers, civil society, academic, the private sector, government, and regional and multilateral organisations to help create a more supportive environment to assist and advise change processes and reforms on matters of small arms control.

We provide tailored engagement and assistance to institutions, stakeholders, and actors. Our broad range of capabilities include:

- qualitative and/or participatory research;
- quantitative research, global and project datasets and databases, data analytics;
- population surveys in fragile settings;
- analysis of small arms supply and demand dynamics at country and regional level;
- policy briefings, webinars and blogs;
- needs and capacity assessments;
- design, monitoring and evaluation of small arms control initiatives;

Our work covers a wide range of topics related to small arms and firearm violence. We provide expertise and support on:

- international instruments on matters of small arms supply and proliferation;
- small arms and ammunition supply flows;
- armed violence and small arms demand;
- gender-responsive small arms control;
- national action plans and strategies;
- weapons and ammunition management; and
- improvised weapons and ammunition, and other emerging threats.



- expert technical assistance;
- development of tools, handbooks and reference material;
- facilitation of experience-sharing and/or experts' dialogues at country, regional and international level;
- support to policy formulation;
- support to the development and implementation of small arms control strategies and national action plans;
- technical expertise and training on gender responsive small arms control; and

- design and delivery of training programmes, including training of trainers.

We also produce resources such as publications, podcasts, and a diverse spectrum of relevant outputs in several languages, which can all be found here:



Theory of change

Vision

A world without illicit arms and armed violence

Impact

Small arms control and armed violence reduction processes, reforms, and actors are better informed and more effective at the country, regional, and global levels

Strategic Outcome 1

Institutions and actors acquire and use evidence-based knowledge

Strategic Outcome 2

Institutions and actors acquire and apply new skills, expertise, and capabilities

Strategic Outcome 3

Institutions and actors network and collaborate more effectively

The Small Arms Survey is a centre for applied knowledge dedicated to preventing and reducing illicit small arms proliferation and armed violence. It is an associated programme of the Geneva Graduate Institute, located in Switzerland, and has an international staff with expertise in security studies, political science, law, economics, development studies, sociology, criminology, and database and programme management. The Survey collaborates with a network of researchers, practitioners, partner institutions, non-governmental organizations, and governments in more than 50 countries, and its activities and outputs are made possible through core support as well as project funding. A full list of current donors and projects can be accessed via the Small Arms Survey website.

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